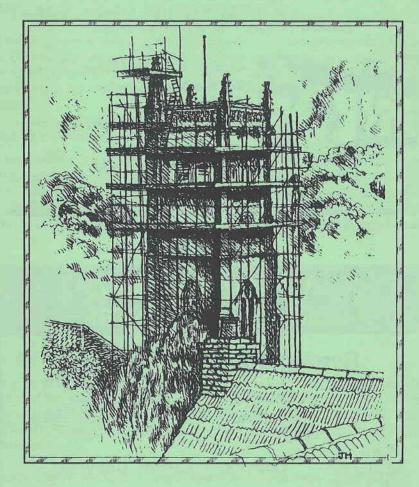
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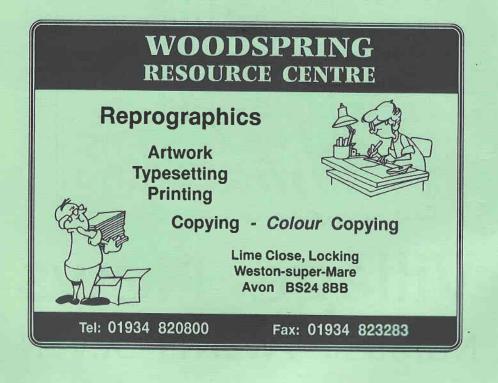
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VILLAGE ROAD SAFETY REVIEW

A meeting was recently held with a senior officer from Avon's Highways, Transport & Engineering Department. Representing the Parish were District Councillor McGrath, Councillor Eric Benn and myself. We discussed a number of road safety concerns in the Village and reached a number of conclusions, which are listed below.

Speed limit through village

It is planned to apply a 30 mph speed limit through the centre of Bleadon, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of North Somerset Council, in 1996. This limit is planned to include Coronation Road, Shiplate Road up to the narrow section just east of The Veale and a short section of Celtic Way. I hope that we can persuade North Somerset to include Bleadon Road and Bridge Road in the scheme.

Speed limit an A370, Bridgwater Road

A current proposal is for a new limit on Bridgwater Road to commence north of Bleadon, by "The Cutting". It is hoped that this scheme will be expanded to include Bridgwater Road up to the Bleadon Mill junction.

Bridge Road/Bridgwater Road/Bleadon Mill junctions

Anyone who uses these junctions to enter or exit the village knows all about taking life into your own hands. They are extremely dangerous. It is feasible to construct central islands within the existing Hatched areas which will offer greater protection to turning vehicles. This project, combined with the possible speed limit, will be beneficial to all.

Coronation Road/Celtic Way/Shiplate Road Junction

Poor visibility at this junction prohibits conversion to a mini roundabout. It is hoped that improved signing will be of help.

Access by Heavy/Long Vehicles

It was agreed that parts of Coronation Road and Shiplate Road are unsuitable for long vehicles. Hopefully a Traffic Regulation Order will eventually be approved, thus curtailing coaches and heavy vehicles on these routes.

Bridge Road/Atlas Stone Products

In an attempt to reduce speeds on Bridge Road it was suggested that white lines be painted in the road centre and alongside the verges. These lines appear to narrow the road and normally result in lower speeds from most traffic. Concern was also expressed about the volume, and size of lorries calling at Atlas Stone Products. Bridge Road was not constructed for vehicles of this size and weight, the road surface is being damaged and the banks of the rhyne are on the verge of collapse. It is hoped that an amicable conclusion to this problem will be reached through discussion with the quarry management.

Bleadon Road/Bridgwater Road Junction

This junction, opposite theAnchor Inn, is probably the most dangerous spot in our village. It is under consideration to make this junction one way in an east bound direction. This would result in access to Bleadon Road from the A370 by The Anchor, but prohibit exit from that junction. To facilitate this, the final 50 yards of Bleadon Road would become one way.

The Parish Council will seek your opinions before taking any firm decision on this item.

All these proposals are subject to approval from North Somerset Council and the support of the Avon & Somerset Constabulary. They are also dependent upon funds being available, safety audits, public consultation and Traffic Regulation Orders where appropriate.

Brenig Evans (Vice Chairman)



BLEADON LADIES CLUB

Despite being missed from the last magazine through unfortunate circumstances beyond our control we are still in operation and thriving nicely. In July we had an extremely entertaining talk from Mr Cawsey entitled 'A Bear for all Occasions' which he proved by making one while he talked about the clay he was using. August was a new departure, a day out, travel being free to members and at minimal cost to the visitors we welcomed among us. Despite the hot weather the coach ride was delightful and the money we spent on food at Otter Nurseries very good value. After a visit to Honiton we all returned having, I hope, thoroughly enjoyed our day.

In September we had a visit from Liz Green with slides of Mendip Wild Life and in October Mr G Poole is to talk about his collection of salt and pepper pots and members who have made collecting a hobby have volunteered to bring in theirs. In November, Mrs L Parkin from Uphill will demonstrate Christmas decorations and with our lunch and cards in December another year will be gone. Next year's programme is well in hand.

Any new members or visitors to the village are most welcome to join us in the Coronation Hall on second Tuesdays in the month from 2.15pm. All existing members are reminded how much we enjoy your company and how much we miss you if you are unable to be there.

June Wilkes

WHIST DRIVES

May we welcome all members of the Whist Club to the new session. We started on Wednesday 6th September and I was able to give them some good news... work can commence on the demolition of the old Guide and Scout Hut, which was purchased in 1975 from the British Legion, for £26.00! Many happy hours have been spent in it and some of us will be sorry to see it go! Building will soon commence on the extension of the Coronation Hall, which will be used by all members of the Guide and Scout organisations.

So far the Whist Drive members have contributed £1,818.68 towards the project ... we are aiming for £2,000.00 of course!

We are grateful as usual for the use of the Church Room on Wednesday afternoons, from 2.00 - 4.00pm. Cost is £1.00 including tea and biscuit. A Raffle also takes place. New members are always welcome.

Barbara Snelgrove

THE BLEADON FLOWER SHOW

We have finally found the antidote to the drought after weeks of praying for rain for our gardens, and we now know what to do. 'Hold a Flower Show'. If you remember it poured with rain on the morning of Saturday September 2nd, the day of the show. However, knowing how badly our gardens needed it, we could not complain; our spirits were certainly not dampened. The overall picture was another excellent show, this time due in no small way to you, the villagers who turned out in numbers when the sun came out in the afternoon.

Our own Mr Steve Hartree swept the board winning no less than seven cups, a magnificent effort. He was also responsible for putting on a wonderful floral display and an intriguing show of potatoes. In all there were 184 exhibits, which according to the judges were of an excellent standard.

We enjoyed putting on the show and we hope all who attended enjoyed it too. Do come along to the Spring Show on March 16th and have a cup of tea and a chat, and see our beautiful flowers

The Committee

FOLK DANCE CLUB

On the first and fourth Thursday evenings, dances are held in the Coronation Hall - 75p entrance. This includes a drink of squash when you are hot and exhausted as a result of John Tomlinson's excellent "calling", keeping dancers "on the move". We are very grateful to him. New members welcome, singles or doubles, beginners especially welcome.

Barbara Snelgrove

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THE BLEADON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Why not join us at 2.15 on Friday afternoons at the Coronation Hall, and enjoy these entertainments? Our yearly subscription is still $\pounds 1.00$ - weekly entrance 30p (to include tea and biscuits). We have a raffle and sales table weekly. We look forward to seeing you there.

Oct	1st 6th 13th 20th	Church Harvest Club "Harvest" and Auction Russell Rogers and Friends CLUB BIRTHDAY and Beetle Drive	
	27th	"Ghosts"	Lt. Col. J. Wynn
Nov	3rd 10th 17th	Broadoak School Orchestra Bingo Xmas Decorations	Mr Brock Jack Thorne Miss Mablethorpe <i>Sanders</i>
	18th 24th	CLUB COFFEE MORNING "Highlights on China"	Mr/Mrs Procter
Dec	1st 1st 8th 14th 15th	CHRISTMAS CARDS IN CLUB BOX PLEAS The work of "The Children of Chernobyl Fund "How Times have changed" CHRISTMAS CLUB DINNER at The Comm Russell Rogers and Friends	" Mrs C Hanwell Mrs Y Bell

CLUB CLOSED UNTIL JANUARY

Sylvia and Joan



BLEADON CORONATION HALL

Elsewhere in this issue you will read Len Chamberlain's article on the "Guide and Scout Building Project". I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Len for his somewhat involved and, necessarily, lengthy pursuit of a grant for this project. It took up a great deal of his time and not a little frustration but thankfully he finally succeeded. He modestly neglects to mention the many other avenues we followed up in pursuit of a grant. Before anyone asks, yes, we did explore the possibility of a grant from the national lottery but could not find a valid route for this kind of project.

The guides and scouts funds and those of the Coronation Hall management committee will be contributing to the total cost. The new extension will join directly on to the existing village hall. The newly created hall will accommodate the scouts, guides, brownies and cubs for the foreseeable future. When not required for use by them it will be available for general use in similar ways to the main hall. We also plan for the existing Coronation Hall to benefit by the creation of a new entrance foyer, new toilet facilities and storage space. The existing entrance foyer and doors will be removed to create a truly rectangular hall. This will give a useful gain in main hall space of about 100 square feet (that's around 9 square metres for the metrically minded). The construction work will begin in September and the whole project is likely to extend into the middle of next year.

The Coronation Hall is a major asset for the local community and accommodates many local clubs and organisations as well as providing a cozy venue for many other social activities such as dances and shows. However, those of us who manage the hall are ever conscious of its age and the constant need to repair and renovate it. The costs of these are in addition to those occurring on a regular basis such as insurance, heating, lighting and so on. We depend for our finances on the support of the entire community, most especially when we hold fund raising events such as coffee mornings, jumble sales and so on. Please remember this whenever you see such events advertised and come along to support us and help maintain and improve the facilities.

John Ward



CLIC FUN QUIZ

What might you be doing at 7.30 p. m. on Saturday, November 18th, 1995? You could come and enjoy a really entertaining evening at the Coronation Hall in Bleadon.

It is there that the annual CLIC Fun Quiz will be held. There is something for everyone: word games, question and answer picture quiz, number games and last, but by no means least, a Ploughman's Supper, a bar, a raffle and, best of all, lots of good company. The icing on the cake is that all the profits go to CLIC, the charity that helps children with cancer, and their families.

There are not many places where you can get an evenings entertainment for £3.50, so why not come and join us. Tickets from the Post Office or Pat Dain (Tel: 812859) and they will be on sale in October.

Ist Bleadon (St Peter & St Paul) Cub Scouts

Last term finished with a BBQ at the animal farm in Lympsham. The cubs had a great time feeding the animals and playing on the trampolines, finishing with hot dogs and drinks.

Our new term has started now and we have lots to look forward to, starting with the great news about our new hut. It will be lovely to have a nice warm room to hold our pack evenings instead of having to dodge the draughts!! Our thanks to the people who have offered their help in storing our equipment while our hut is being built, we are very gratefull to you.

We are off to camp on the 22-24th September at Bishops Lydiard when the cubs hope to achieve their Naturalist badge. We will be building a wormy and holding tree and ground surveys at our camp site, and then on the Saturday we will travel by steam train to Minehead to hold a seashore survey, so all in all it should be an exciting week-end.

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SUNDAY SOUNDS



TEACHER and schoolgirl; civil servant and small businessman; engineer and language student old and young; male and female; catholic and protestant. What can all these people have in common?

Well - they all know their 'tail-ends' from their 'sallies'. They are all bellringers.

Bells ringing out to call the faithful to worship is a sound that epitomizes Sunday for many people. But have you ever considered what, or rather who, is at the other end of the rope?

Bellringing is a peculiatly British activity that has been developed over the past three to four huindred years. It can take anything from 2 to 6 months to learn to handle a bell rope competently and a lifetime to master the intricacies of the mathematical patterns which make up the sound of a peal of bells.

A ringer will normally attend an evening practice once a week and ring for Sunday Services, special feasts and weddings. It requires a certain degree of commitment to the tower, but this is insignificant compared with the enjoyment and friendship to be found.

If you have ever thought you would like to find out more about bellringing - this is your chance. Anyone of any age can learn provided they

can reach the rope. Don't be put off because you think you are too old; if you can scale the spiral staircase to the ringing chamber you will certainly be able to ring.

Come along to a practice night or telephone Bleadon 813285 for more information.



Everybody is welcome.

J.M.

Words & Music:

Bleadon Occasionals (Some of your favourite local performers) Present an Entertainment at the Coronation Hall

on Saturday 7th October at 7.30pm

Tickets £3.00 available from the Post Office

BLEADON SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

The club will re-open for the 1995/96 season at 7pm on Friday 29th September. We shall be holding our Annual General Meeting the following week on Friday 6th October, commencing at 7pm. We will follow the A.G.M. with presentation of the trophies won last season and then move on to a normal bowling evening.

We anticipate having a few vacancies for new members this season. Anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along and try their hand at short mat bowling. We meet in the Coronation Hall on Friday evenings at 7pm and Sunday afternoons at 3pm.

The club met for a barbecue evening on Friday 18th August. This very enjoyable evening was held at Joan Diment's farm and we would liketo thank Joan again for making the facilities available. Our thanks also to Fred and Rita James for bringing along additional barbecue equipment and also for bringing their friends who introduced us to the French game of boules. Last but not least, our thanks to the ladies of the committee for their work in preparing, cooking and serving the food.

We wish all our members a very enjoyable and sociable season of bowling.

John Ward

Well Done

Betty Berry (The Veale), who helped Bleadon win second prize in the SmallTowns and Villages category of the Woodspring Sea of Flowers Competition.

The Wayward Queens (i.e. the Ladies' skittles team at the Queen's Arms), who having started in the fifth division have been promoted to the second division of the local league.

The men's team from the same hostelry, who have reached the semi-final of the regional knock-out competition.

Gemma Harvey, Katie Pitt and Christy Wilton, who organised (with considerable family support) a jumble sale which raised £70 for t-he R.S.P.C.A.

Adam Brenner (Celtic Way), who captained the successful Somerset Under 17 cricket team.

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FROM THE RECTOR

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

The annual Commemoration of All Souls is an occasion when the Church remembers and prays for those who have died. The main Act of Commemoration will be during Evensong at 6.30pm on Sunday 5th November. Names of those we know to have died during the past year will be read out during prayer. You are also invited to let me know (in writing, please) the name(s) of any other loved one(s) you wish to have remembered by name at this Service.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday is November 12th and our Act of remembrance will be during the Sung Eucharist at 10-15am. All local organisations and clubs are invited to be represented and to lay wreaths. If your organisation hasn't previously brought a wreath and would like to do so this year, please let me know.

FINANCE

The heavy cost of financing the restoration programme, together with the £26.000 needed for ordinary running costs (including me), is leading us in the direction of a shortfall this year - possibly as much as £4,000. My appeal is to all who regard themselves as "Church of England".

We do need to increase our regular income but, in the short term, in addition to capital expenditure, need to meet our ordinary commitments by the end of December.

Accordingly, I plan to have a GIFT DAY when I will be available in Church for much of 'the day. May I ask you to consider this seriously and would suggest 'that contributors might like to give (say) the cost of a meal out, Cheques should be made payable to Bleadon PCC and may be left at 'the Rectory or given to the treasurer, Mr Peter Hore, at any time.

Many thanks, yours sincerely

David Parkinson 812297

CHURCH RESTORATION

The 3rd stage of the Church's restoration is now under way and scaffolding around the tower is there for all to see.

Work on the outside of the tower includes:

Repointing of general stonework and string courses, Repainting and regilding of the clock face, Repair, regilding and refixing of the weathercock.

Inside the tower:

Repair and/or replacement of flooring, doors and other woodwork damaged by beetle,

Repair to clock winder and possible conversion of clock to automatic winding,

Windows:

Repairs to stained glass windows, especially the West window which is in very poor condition.

Estimated cost, excluding internal work to the clock, is between £30,000 and £40,000 with at least £10,000 needing to be raised as a matter of urgency. If the clock is to be converted to automatic winding, as seems sensible, an additional £3,000 will be necessary. Readers of this magazine who care for the fabric of our lovely, historic Church are invited to send donations to the treasurer, Peter Hore or to the Rector. Cheques should be made payable to Bleadon PCC. We are most grateful for gifts received to date and especially thank those who give regularly by Banker's Order / envelope scheme / covenant.

> David Parkinson Rector (812297)

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SWEB INSTALLATION OF POWER SUPPLY TO WESSEX SEWAGE PLANT

An amended planning application has been made by SWEB to instal an electricity supply to the planned sewage treatment plant off Accommodation Road, Bleadon. SWEB do not now intend to connect the sewage plant to the electricity supply in the Sedgemoor D. C. area, as well as the Woodspring D.C. area. This allows SWEB to carry out the development within its remit for permitted development.

The only way to prevent the installation of overhead cables on an unspoilt area of the Bleadon Levels is by public pressure on SWEB. SWEB do try to maintain their image as an environmentally friendly company, by giving grants for tree planting and other 'eco' friendly projects.

In the case of the Wessex sewage plant power supply, however, the least environmentally friendly development is proposed by SWEB. I urge all Bleadon residents to write to:-

Mr D. Gallop, Wayleave Manager, SWEB,

Avonbank, Feeder Road, Bristol, Avon BS2 0TB

requesting that SWEB perform an environmental audit before 'proceeding with this development.

Bryan McGrath Woodspring D.C.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

V.J. Day, August 20th 1995 was a Day of Remembrance and the Services at Bleadon and Lympsham were well attended by members and friends of both branches. Many thanks to Rev. Parkinson and Rev Wells for their help in organising these events. Also to Mr and Mrs Clarke for carrying the Branch Standards. Arrangements are well in hand for the Earl Haig Poppy Collection in Bleadon during November, under the local PopyAppeal Organiser, Mrs J Diment. All the money raised is used for ex-service people and benevolent funds. Your generosity is very welcome and you know the money raised will be used wisely.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 27th	AGM Women's Section	Manor Hall, Lympsham	7.30pm
Oct 29th	Festival of Remembrance	Winter Gardens, W-s-M	7.00pm
Oct 31st	AGM Men's Branch	Manor Hall, Lympsham	7.45pm
Nov 25th	Somerset & Avon S	Winter Gardens, W-s-M	10.00am
	County Conference	Women's Section	4.30pm
Dec 9th	Christmas Bingo	Manor Hall, Lympsham	7.30pm
	Bumper Raffle & Prizes	Women's Section	

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

Sat	7th	October	2.00pm
Sat	7th	October	7.30pm
Sat	28th	October	7.00pm
Sat	18th	Nov:	10.30am
	n	0	7.30pm
Sat	9th	Dec:	10.30am

Sun 10th December

Jumble Sale

Words & Music Silent Auction

Coffee Morning

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Quiz in aid of CLIC

Christmas Fair & Coffee Morning

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REGULAR EVENTS IN THE CORONATION HALL

MONDAYS 10.30 - 12.00 Gentle Exercise Group Mrs P Dain 812859 Sept - May **Bleadon Bridge Club** Mr D Gardiner 812041 2.00 - 5.00pm 7.30pm 1st Monday British Sugarcraft Guild Mrs J Garrad 632632 W.S.M. Branch Parish Council 7.30pm 2nd Monday TUESDAYS Bleadon Ladies Group Mrs J Wilkes 2.00 -4.00pm 2nd Tuesday 812783 7.30pm Ist, 2nd, 4th Weston-super-Mare Mr K Tapley 623877 Camera Club & 5th WEDNESDAYS 10.00 -noon 2nd & 4th Infant Welfare Clinic Mrs J Morant and Toddler Group at the Clinic Feb - Mav 2.00 -4.00pm Painting Class Mrs K Panes A.C.E. 621301 Painting in Watercolour WSM College of F.E. **Bleadon Players** Mr F Davies 812858 7.30pm Rehearsals THURSDAYS Sept - May Painting Class Mrs K Panes A.C.E. 621301 2.00 -4.00pm Painting to extend WSM College of F.E. your abilities Miss B Snelgrove 8.00pm 1st & 4th Folk Dancing 812226 Sept-June FRIDAYS 2.00 -4.00pm Friendship Club Mrs E M Tucker 813940 Mr J Ward 7.30pm Sept - May Short Mat Bowling Club 812136 SUNDAYS Sept - May Short Mat Bowling Club Mr J Ward 3.00 -5.00pm 812136 The Hall is available for hire by any private individual or organisation, **ENQUIRIES TO:** Mrs J Jones, 812370

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GUIDE & SCOUT BUILDING PROJECT

In June 1992 Mr Peter Lindsay, then chairman of the Coronation Hall management committee, proposed a joint venture with the guides and scouts committee. This involved removal of the existing hut, which was long past its useful life, and extending the Coronation Hall. This would allow shared use of the new buildings with an appropriate agreement by the Parish Council.

At a speeting on September 1st 1992, attended by all parties involved, Mr H Chatterley, who had for some years been teaching building practice at Weston Technical College, suggested that students could undertake the building of the main structure as a training project, under proper supervision. As this deleted what would normally be expensive labour costs, it meant a viable plan, subject to the availability of grants.

In due course full planning applications were submitted and although this was not straightforward, due to objections from the Avon highways authority, all necessary consents were eventually obtained.

A meeting was held with the Director of Woodspring Leisure Services, who was enthusiastic and advised us to apply for a grant. This we did in January of this year. However, in February we were informed that Woodspring District Council very much that there was no money available in this financial year.

It seemed that the plan would have to be shelved indefinitely but, by chance, we heard of a body called the Rural Development Commission. To cut a very long story short I am pleased to say that we have now obtained the offer of a substantial grant from the Rural Development Commission and work willcommence shortly.

Len Chamberlain, Vice-Chairman, Coronation Hall Management Committe



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To All Our Friends & Visitors from Bleadon Village & District

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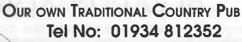
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SPECIAL EVENTS - organised by or in conjunction with THE FRIENDS OF BLEADON CHURCH

Bleadon Village through the ages - Mrs Margaret Cullen gave a fascinating talk about the history of our village on 5th August.

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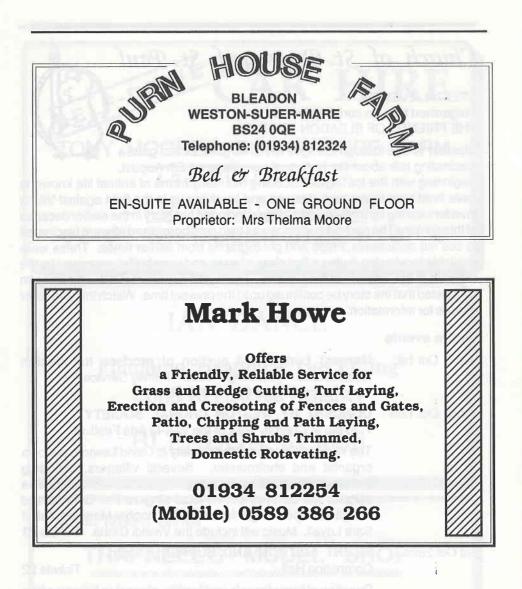
Beginning with the Ice Age, describing the many forms of animal life known to have lived here many centuries ago and involving us in the fight against Viking invaders sailing up theAxe, Mrs Cullen concluded her story in the earlier decades of this century. The packed audience was held spellbound and all were fascinated to see old documents, maps and photographs from earlier times. These were available for viewing during a first class cheese and wine buffet organised by the caterers of the Friends of the Church. There was a profit of £253. It has been suggested that the story be continued up to the present time. Watch this and other spaces for information.

Future events

Sun	Oct 1st:	Harvest Lunch and auction of produce for Weston Hospicecare. (following 11.00am Family Service) Lunch tickets Adults £3, children £2
Thurs Oct 12th		CONCERT BY WESTON CHORAL SOCIETY 7.30 pm in Church. Part of the W-s-M Arts Festival.
		The Musical Director of the Society is David Lowton, our own organist and choirmaster. Several villagers, including members of our Church Choir, sing with the Society. The soloists will be vvell-known local singers Pat Griffiths and Margaret Hopes. Organist will be Christopher Manners; cellist Sara Lovell. Music will include the Vivaldi Gloria. Tickets £3
Sat Oct 28th	ct 28th	SILENT AUCTION AND SUPPER 7.30pm Coronation Hall Tickets £2
		Donation of items for sale (not jumble, please) to Friends of the Church, The Rectory or Church Room
Sat D	ec 2nd	CONCERT BY THE PONTNEWYDD MALE CHOIR7.00pm in ChurchTickets £3
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If you would like to join the committee of the Friends of the Church and help organise our special events, please have a word with me.

David Parkinson, Rector



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